GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:280
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COMPENSATION FOR OUSTEES OF THERMAL POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cases of rehabilitation and compensation claims are pending for disposal in different projects of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC);

(b) if so, the details thereof, projects-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 280 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 11.08.2006 REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR OUSTEES OF THERMAL POWER PROJECTS.

(a) to (c) : Land required for setting up of the NTPC projects is acquired by the respective State Governments as per the Land Acquisition Act (LA Act) and the compensation decided by the respective State Governments is deposited by NTPC with the State Governments for further disbursement to entitled individuals. In exceptional cases where the individuals do not turn up for collection of their compensation money or else there is some dispute with respect to legal heir etc., the compensation amount is deposited with the Treasury by the State Government, pending resolution. In cases where the affected person(s) approaches the courts claiming for enhancement of compensation amounts as decided by the State Government, the compensation amount is released by the State Government as per the Court`s verdict and the additional amount, if any, requisitioned by the State Government is deposited by NTPC with the State Government. As and when the State Governments have requisitioned NTPC for the compensation money, the same has been deposited with them.

As regards the Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) of the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) is concerned, NTPC formulates Rehabilitation Action Plans (RAPs) as per provisions of its R&R policy since 1993 in consultation with and participation of the all stakeholders viz. representatives of PAPs, Gram Panchayat, State Government etc. for each of its plants. The RAPs not only consist of individual resettlement and rehabilitation benefits, if any, but also community development activities, welfare activities etc. proposed for the PAPs. These RAPs have a specified budget for various activities and are implemented in a time bound manner with the active participation of all the stakeholders including the State Government and the representatives of PAPs.

The status of implementation of RAPs formulated for various projects since 1993 is given below:

Notwithstanding the rehabilitation & compensation being provided, being a socially committed organization and a socially responsible corporate citizen, NTPC attaches great importance not only to Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) of the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) but also to the community and the society at large where its projects and stations are located. The details of land oustees project-wise/State-wise is at Annexure.

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